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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Continuation Of:**

Applicants: Paul G. Ahlquist, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/760,040  
Filed: January 12, 2001  
For: YEAST GENES THAT AFFECT VIRAL  
REPLICATION  
Group Art Unit: 1632  
Examiner: S. Chen

Commissioner For Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified case,  
Applicants respectfully request that the following  
amendments be entered.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1 - 20.

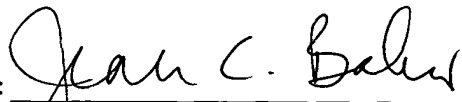
Applicants intend for the above-identified  
continuation application to be drawn to methods of  
evaluating a substance as an antiviral therapy, claims 21  
- 30.

Respectfully submitted,

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